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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR HINTON'S VISIT TO DENMARK

1. AT MY INVITATION USEC AMBASSADOR HINTON VISITED COPENHAGEN  
APRIL 27-29. HIS HEAVY SCHEDULE INCLUDED TALKS WITH THE FOR-  
EIGN MINISTER, INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH DANISH OFFICIALS  
CONCERNED WITH THE MAJOR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE  
US AND THE EC, A PRESS CONFERENCE, DIALOGUES WITH DANISH  
FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS LEADERS AS WELL AS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS  
AND FACULTY MEMBERS, AND BRIEFING OF THE EMBASSY STAFF ON  
EC MATTERS GENERALLY AND DENMARK'S ROLE IN PARTICULAR.

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2. IN OUR JUDGMENT, AMBASSADOR HINTON'S VISIT WAS AN UN-  
QUALIFIED SUCCESS, HAVING BOTH IMMEDIATE IMPACT AND LASTING  
BENEFITS. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL GROUPS INCLUDED IN THE  
SCHEDULE HAVE MADE THEIR ENTHUSIASM KNOWN. THE FOREIGN MIN-  
ISTRY WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED. WHEN EXPRESSING HIS PLEASURE,  
UNDER SECRETARY CHRISTENSEN OBSERVED THAT DENMARK HAS IN  
RECENT TIMES BENEFITTED FROM THE VISITS OF HIGH LEVEL US

OFFICIALS BUT THAT FEW OF THEM WERE WELL VERSED IN ECONOMIC MATTERS.

3. THE IMMEDIATE IMPACT OF THE VISIT WAS TO GIVE A WIDE SPECTRUM OF INFLUENTIAL DANES INSIGHTS INTO CURRENT US VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. COMING ONLY A WEEK BEFORE THE LONDON SUMMIT, AMBASSADOR HINTON'S OBSERVATIONS WERE GIVEN ESPECIALLY CLOSE ATTENTION. TWO NEWSPAPERS QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM A SPEECH PREPARED FOR DELIVERY TO THE ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATIONS AND FROM ANSWERS GIVEN TO QUESTIONS POSED AT THE AMBASSADOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. WE ALSO EXPECT THE VISIT TO HAVE A LASTING EFFECT. PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WERE FOSTERED THAT COULD BE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL DURING DENMARK'S EC PRESIDENCY NEXT YEAR. HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HERE WERE GRATIFIED THAT THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN AN UP-TO-DATE PRESENTATION OF US VIEWS AND INTENTIONS. AS A RESULT OF THE VISIT, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES, BUSINESS LEADERS, AND IMPORTANT ACADEMIC FIGURES HAVE BACKGROUND MATERIAL WHICH THEY CAN DRAW ON FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

5. AMBASSADOR HINTON HAD A USEFUL PRIVATE SESSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER K. B. ANDERSEN, WHO RECENTLY ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLITICAL AFFAIRS. COMMENTING ON THE DIFFICULTY OF RESISTING A SOUTHWARD EXPANSION OF THE EC, THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT AN APPROVED APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC HAD BECOME A BADGE OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL RESPECTABILITY.

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6. AMBASSADOR HINTON'S VISIT UNDERSCORES WHAT WE HAVE STRESSED IN OUR ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS AND ELSEWHERE--THE DANES ARE VERY RESPONSIVE TO VISITS FROM HIGH LEVEL US OFFICIALS. I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE INITIATIVE OF INVITING AMBASSADOR HINTON CAN BE FOLLOWED UP LATER BY VISITS OF OTHER IMPORTANT US OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THOSE WITH EXPERTISE IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.  
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